

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1071

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51009 to the Education Code, relating to the curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1071, as introduced, Chu. Curriculum: Robert Matsui Education Act.

Existing law specified requires courses of study for public schools, and requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide curriculum frameworks and basic instructional materials in specified subject areas.

Existing law also requires the board to ensure that the state curriculum framework, where appropriate, include instruction on specific areas.

This bill would require the board to ensure board shall ensure that the state curriculum and framework, where appropriate, include instruction on Asia and on the experience of Asian people in the United States, and that the state criteria for selecting instructional materials include information to guide the selection of instructional materials that contain sections that highlight the study of Asia and the experience of Asian people in the United States, and would authorize the State Department of Education to seek private sources of funding for the purposes of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51009 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 51009. (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited as,
4 the Robert Matsui Education Act.
5 (b) The State Board of Education shall ensure that the state
6 curriculum and framework, where appropriate, include
7 instruction on Asia and on the experience of Asian people in the
8 United States, and that the state criteria for selecting instructional
9 materials include information to guide the selection of
10 instructional materials that contain sections that highlight the
11 study of Asia and the experience of Asian people in the United
12 States.
13 (c) The department may seek private sources of funding to
14 assist in developing a model curriculum on Asia and on the
15 experience of Asians in the United States, and to provide a
16 repository and dissemination mechanism to school districts on
17 the model curriculum.